

## C L A I M S

1. A device by a reverse vending machine for bottles and cans, provided with a feed opening (22) accessible from the outside and through which the bottles and cans are inserted into the reverse vending machine (14,16,18), characterized in that the front portion of the reverse vending machine (14, 16,18) in the form of a cover (14) is formed to be secured independently of the internal bottle-/can-handling device and other apparatus (16,18) of the reverse vending machine, the feed opening (22) of the front cover (14), for bottles and cans, being without a fixed connection to pipework etc. within, and that preferably below said feed opening (22) in the front cover (14) is formed an opening (26) therethrough for the emptying of remnants from bottles or cans before their insertion into the reverse vending machine (14,16,18) through the feed opening (22) of the front cover (14), and a corresponding opening (20) positioned within in the internal bottle-/can-handling device of the reverse vending machine.

2. A device according to claim 1, characterized in that the drain opening (26) of the front cover (14), for remnants, is formed in an upwards open bowl, whose opening at the rear side of the front cover (14) ends in a drain pipe socket (28).

3. A device according to claim 2, characterized in that within the front cover (14), below the outlet opening of the drain pipe socket (28) is arranged a preferably upwards open drain channel (30).

4. A device according to claim 3, characterized in that the drain channel (30) has a generally horizontal extent and is connected to an outlet (32).

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